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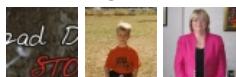
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## Wellywood sign to go ahead (Nooooooo!!!)

May 20th, 2011 by xonon [View Comments](#)

A Wellywood sign to celebrate the capital's film industry will be built along the hillside next to the Miramar Cutting. The Hollywood-style sign will be 3.5 metres high and 28m wide. It is understood to cost several hundred thousand dollars and is intended to be ready for the Rugby World Cup in September. Veteran Wellington film director Geoff Murphy could barely stop laughing when told yesterday that the idea would proceed.

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## Hobbit in 5 - Howard Shore, Peter Jackson Casting News, Master of Laketown.

May 20th, 2011 by xonon [View Comments](#)

On this episode of Hobbit in 5, we talk about Matamata's "makeover" for cast and crew of The Hobbit, Weta's Rivendell Environment is now available for pre-order, a fan builds his own Hobbit hole, Howard Shore receives award, Peter Jackson announces casting of Stephen Fry, Ryan Gage, and Conan Stevens, and we continue with another character study!

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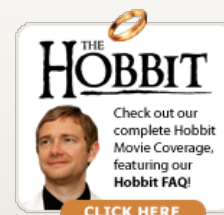
## UGA student accused of painting 'Lord of the Rings' graffiti

May 20th, 2011 by xonon [View Comments](#)

From [ajc.com](http://ajc.com): Authorities say a University of Georgia student has been accused of spray painting "Frodo Lives" and other references to "Lord of the Rings" books and movies. The Athens Banner-Herald reports that university police charged 20-year-old Fredrick Dylan Cantrell with a dozen counts of criminal trespass, four counts of criminal damage and one

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- Peter Jackson announces casting of Stephen Fry, Conan
- Fili and Thranduil Casting Announced on Facebook
- Bloom "It would be an honour" To Return
- Peter Jackson's '48 Frames a Second'
- Hollywood Reporter: Andy Serkis to serve as Second Unit Director on The Hobbit!



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## Poll

How do you feel about the 'new' Characters rumored to be in The Hobbit films?

- ☐ I'll reserve judgement until I see the films
- ☐ How can there be 'new' characters in The Hobbit? It was written forever ago!
- ☐ Afraid. Very Afraid.
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count of marijuana possession.

A police search warrant states that “Lord of the Rings” graffiti has appeared at dozens of places on the Georgia campus, including restrooms, bus stops, sidewalks and on buildings.

Cantrell’s lawyer, Morris Wiltshire, said his client thought the message of the ‘Lord of the Rings’ was important. He said the series of books has meaning to his client, who thought it was a worthy message to broadcast.

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## Hall of Fire Movie Rumour Round-up This Weekend!

May 20th, 2011 by Demosthenes [View Comments](#)

It’s time to talk Hobbit movie news and rumours again in the Hall of Fire!

It’s been a momentous couple of weeks, with casting announcements for the dwarf Fili, Thranduil the Sindarin king of Mirkwood and for the Orc King of Moria Azog. Orlando Bloom looks to be edging closer to reprising his role as shield-surfer extraordinaire Legolas, while Hugo Weaving is already in New Zealand filming scenes as Elrond Half-elven.

But it seems that the announcement that has everyone well and truly buzzing is that Stephen Fry is set to play the Master of Laketown.

Still what’s caught your keen eyes and ears over the past couple weeks?

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## The Hobbit - Stephen Fry News Video

May 19th, 2011 by linuxelf | Source: [TVNZ](#) [View Comments](#)

As reported yesterday from Peter Jackson himself, Stephen Fry has been cast as The Master of Laketown. Here’s a video clip of the local coverage from TVNZ. [\[\[TVNZ\]\]](#)[\[Video Link\]](#)

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## Sean Bean is back in new ‘Game of Thrones’ clip

May 19th, 2011 by MrCere [View Comments](#)

Sean Bean, a favorite of LOTR fans worldwide, is anchoring HBO’s fantasy series “A Game of Thrones.” Bean plays Eddard Stark in the adult-themed series, and last week he ran into a bit of difficulty. Fans have consistently given us feedback that they love these clips and HBO has sent along another pair for your viewing enjoyment. We don’t want to get too spoiler-heavy so we will let the clips mostly speak for themselves. It is worth noting that Conan Stevens, a 7-foot-tall stunt actor playing Gregor Clegane or The Mountain That Rides (poor horse!) in “A Game of Thrones,” was just announced as the giant [Orc Azog yesterday](#). He appears in neither clip.

#### Ep. 6 Clip – Ned Wakes Up

In the second clip, another Stark, Eddard's daughter Arya, speaks with her swordmaster:

#### Ep. 6 Clip – Arya Talks With Syrio

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### **'Hobbit-like' makeover for Matamata**

May 19th, 2011 by xoanon [View Comments](#)

Matamata is set for a makeover fit for a Hobbit before the cast and crew arrive for filming of the movies. Matamata Public Relations Association manager Sue Whiting says the organisation will be upgrading facilities to create a 'Hobbit-like feel' before the cast and crew arrive. Whiting told the Waikato Times she believed the Welcome to Hobbiton sign is the most photographed in the country, and sculptures of Lord of the Ring characters had drawn hundreds of people, so it is important to maintain them. "At the end of the day, it is all about bringing people to Matamata and creating a reason to visit," she told the newspaper. **More..**

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### **Douglas A. Anderson joins UWIC Fantasy Online Course**

May 19th, 2011 by xoanon [View Comments](#)

**Dr Dimitra Fimi** writes: Douglas A. Anderson, author of the celebrated Annotated Hobbit, will be joining the Discussion Board of UWC's Fantasy online course as a special guest. I am thrilled that my students will have the opportunity to debate key texts and ideas in Fantasy Literature with one of the world specialists in the genre. The course, entitled: Fantasy Literature: Tales Before and After Tolkien, starts on Monday 23rd May and there are still a few last places available! For more information [click here](#).

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### **Peter Jackson announces casting of Stephen Fry, Conan**

May 18th, 2011 by MrCere | [Discuss](#) | [View Comments](#)

Navigating around the Hollywood press-release protocol, Peter Jackson announced via Facebook that he has cast Stephen Fry as the Master of Laketown. From Jackson's comments it sounds like he and Fry are still working on the "Dambusters" film. "In addition to his writing skills, he's a terrific actor and will create a very memorable



“Master” for us.”

He also announces, “The Master’s conniving civil servant, Alfrid will be played by Ryan Gage.” And, in the “biggest” casting announcement so far (or probably ever) Conan Stevens, a mountain of a man who plays “The Mountain that Rides,” in HBO’s “Game of Thrones,” series, will play an orc named ~~Dennis~~ Azog. He was of course the starter of the war between the goblins (orcs) and dwarves and lived in Moria. By casting Stevens, a giant stunt actor, it probably means we can absolutely count on background in the conflict between dwarves and orcs so that by the time the action at The Lonely Mountain comes, we will know and feel the long history of hatred between the races. (On a personal note, this enters into my wildest dreams territory!) You can read the whole of Jackson’s Facebook update [right here](#). He also details the shooting schedule which is pretty insightful.



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## Every guy should have his... Hobbit Home

May 18th, 2011 by Kelvarhin | Source: | [Discuss](#) | [View Comments](#)

At least that’s what Ringer Jim decided when he built his new shed, and four and a half years later, that’s just what he’s got.

Jim said “I needed a place to put my lawn tractor and outdoor tools so I told my wife that I was going to build a shed. She said: “Fine.” Then I thought it would be pretty cool if the shed was built like a Hobbit house. When I told my wife I think she said: “You’re crazy ...”



Well crazy or not, we think it looks pretty good. So check out this unique and rather cool shed, [here at Jim’s page](#) where he shares his four and half year quest. While you’re there why not leave a message for Jim letting him know what you think and then head over to our message boards and tell us.

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## Weta’s Rivendell Environment Pre-Order Open Now! 300 Piece Limited Run

May 18th, 2011 by elessar | Source: [View Comments](#)

All right ringers, I told you a couple weeks ago, when profiling [Weta Workshop](#), that the most impressive environment was going to be just around the corner. Well, we’ve rounded the corner, and [Rivendell](#) is ready to be [pre-ordered](#). If there was ever a **must have** environment this would be it!

Rivendell, the home of Elrond Half-Elven was found in 1697 of the second age where all the light of Middle Earth could go to have counsel during the darkness brought on by Sauron. Many of the most important characters of both *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* would take refuge here to rest their weary minds and bodies. Then in 2001 Sir Peter Jackson and the amazing crew at Weta brought this critical place in Middle Earth to life. Follow the break for more images and details!



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## 2011 Mythopoeic Awards Finalists

May 18th, 2011 by xanonon [View Comments](#)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2010 that best exemplifies the spirit of the Inklings. Books are eligible for two years after publication if not selected as a finalist during the first year of eligibility. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series becomes eligible the year its final volume appears. The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children’s Literature honors books for younger readers (from Young Adults to picture books for beginning readers), in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the

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